



Region Four Headquarters
4600 Giant Springs Road
Great Falls, MT 59405
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SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment for Proposed Conservation Easement on the North Shore of the Missouri River

Attached is the draft Environmental Assessment regarding a proposed Conservation Easement on a 5-acre parcel of private property on the North Shore of the Missouri River across the river from Giant Springs State Park. The private landowner has approached the Department with the intent of preserving the conservation values of the property through a Conservation Easement on this parcel.

The benefits of the Conservation Easement include preservation of the scenic and historic view shed and enhanced public access on the Missouri River corridor in the Great Falls, MT area. Achieving these benefits has been a high priority for the Department and the Great Falls based River's Edge Trail Working Group for many years. The proposed action would result in the Department holding and administering the easement.

The EA analyzes the impacts to the human and natural environment from the proposed action and alternatives. We invite you to review the attached EA and provide us with your comments no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 11, 2008.

Please mail comments to: North Shore Conservation Easement EA, FWP, Region 4 Headquarters, 4600 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls, MT 59405. Comments may also be E-mailed to: rsemmler@mt.gov.

If you need additional information please contact the undersigned at 406-454-5846, or Mr. Roger Semler, Region 4 Parks Manager, at 406-454-5859.

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Attachment: Draft Environmental Assessment